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Son of Andropov Replaced in Athens Post

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (Reuters) — Igor Y. Andropov, son of the late Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, will not return to his post as Ambassador to Greece, the Greek Foreign Ministry said today.

A Ministry statement said Viktor F. Stukhalin, 68, had been named as Mr. Andropov's successor.

Mr. Andropov has been absent from Athens since mid-July. The Soviet Embassy said last month that Mr. Andropov, who arrived in Athens in October 1984, has been in Moscow for health and personal reasons.

His departure came shortly after Sergei Bokhan, a Soviet diplomat based in Athens, defected to the United States.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said last week that five Greeks had been identified as suspected spies after Mr. Bokhan's defection.

Italian Is in New York, Investigating Papal Plot

A Italian judge investigating the purported conspiracy to assassinate Pope John Paul II came to New York yesterday to interrogate a former Italian secret service agent who is in Federal custody here.

The judge, Ilario Martella, traveled from Rome to question the former agent, Francesco Pazienza, about assertions that he prompted Mehmet Ali Agca to confess that the shooting of the Pope in 1981 was ordered by Bulgarian officials.

Mr. Pazienza was ordered extradited to Italy in September to face charges unrelated to the papal shooting. He has been granted a stay pending appeal.

The allegations against Mr. Pazienza in connection with the papal shooting have emerged from often-contradictory statements by Mr. Agca, the Turkish gunman who shot and wounded the Pope in 1981, and by Giovanni Pandico, a convicted racketeer who turned state's evidence.

Judge Martella was assigned by the Rome court to investigate allegations that have been made in testimony against a number of individuals, including Mr. Pazienza, during the papal shooting case to determine whether any charges should be brought against them.